

MINUTES OF BUDDIES MONTHLY MEETING, 28 JANUARY 2018

11:00 am – 11:45 am Members' business

11:45 am – 12:30 pm Guest speaker

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm Refreshments

The meeting opened 11:06 AM at 24 King Street, Buderim.

Chair: Scott Grimmatt. **Minutes:** Alison Green

1. Welcome

Moment of reflection

Apologies

Eveline Goy, Fergus Fitzgerald, Margaret Landbeck, Roger Omdahl, Bob Cullen, Kayla Szumer, Maggie Coad, Darcy & Patrick Buicks, Penny Rivlin, Rada Van Der Werff, Sheila Merriman

Thank you, Stephanie

For your work in the kitchen.

Welcome to newcomers

2. Volunteers – Denise Williams

Call for volunteers at Bunnings Kawana Sausage Sizzle on Feb 3rd, from 8am. Gillian will investigate getting Buddies put on aprons.

3. Training Opportunity

Relational Conversations is a way to have conversations that change people's minds. Our interest is changing people's minds about refugees and government policy. We have obtained a trainer for Mon-Tue 19-20 February. Sunshine Coast venue to be confirmed. Participants will need both days. No cost. To enrol please email your contact details to buddies@scottgrimmatt.id.au

4. Reports

Learn English Holiday - Margaret Norris

Mon 9 – Fri 13 April, hosted by Matthew Flinders. Preparatory sessions are running soon. Let Kayla Szumer know if you can host people. Sat 17 March – walk-through session at Matthew Flinders. See Bulletin for details. Contact Lesley or Margaret Norris if you're available and want to be involved. Second session: September school holidays.

Refugee Week planning - Carmel Dobson

Looking for ideas for what to do in collaboration with Noosa Welcomes Refugees, Maleny Welcomes Refugees, and Caloundra Social Justice groups. June 17-23.

Finance - Gillian Duffy

Please see attached Finance Report.

Noosa Welcomes Refugees - Gillian Duffy

- Bunnings sausage sizzle was successful.
- 25 Jan – free screening of *Constance on the Edge*. Thank you to volunteers who prepared food. About 50 attended, 75% of whom were not members of Noosa Welcomes Refugees or Buddies. Noosa Mayor and a councilor attended. Buddies received a very supportive letter afterwards from the Mayor.
- Planned for April – *Stop the Boats*. \$15 / ticket. Details to follow.
- Angela thanked Gillian for her hard work.

BITA volunteering - Margaret Norman

Buddies has been volunteering since 2012/13 at BITA (Brisbane Interim Transit Authority). We are no longer allowed to visit. Jenny Hughes thanked Margaret and other Buddies for their work.

Food drive - Margaret Norman

Margaret will continue to take donations of non-perishable food to Romero. Drop-off points around the coast can be found in the Bulletin.

Next Meeting

25 February 2018. Angela will take minutes.

Guest Speaker

Mitra Khakbaz from Multicultural Development Australia. Mitra talked about the New Humanitarian Settlement program that came into effect in November 2017.

The meeting closed at 12:25PM.